

In the Abstract

Please replace the current Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

~~There is provided a~~ A transaction supporting apparatus that supports safe and sure payment of a transaction that is made via the Internet. A buyer client accesses a seller server to ~~purchases~~purchase a product and make payment of the product via the transaction supporting apparatus. A transaction-detail registering unit ~~of the apparatus~~ registers the details of the transaction. A payment information notifying unit refers to the details of the transaction registered and notifies, via an e-mail, the buyer client of an account to which payment should be made and a deadline for such payment. If the buyer has not made payment to the account by the deadline, a charging unit accesses a bank server and acknowledges this situation. Then, the charging unit accesses a server of a credit card company and charges for the transaction in the name of the buyer.